

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/164) - Compliance and Detention - Dry Cells - Legal Advice regarding Use of Force - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Has the Department sought legal advice about the use of force? Please write a summary of the legal advice sought from the Australian Government Solicitor regarding the legality of the use of dry cells.

Answer:

The term 'use of force' covers a wide range of actions within the context of the Department's operations, including the management of immigration detention. Accordingly, there has been a considerable volume of legal advices sought and provided on this broad topic.